

M'KINLEY SNUBS THE "400" AGAIN.

Van Rensselaer Cruger's Ambition to Be Ambassador at Rome Coolly Ignored.

The Ohio Elections and the Fact That He Is "Young" in the Senate Have Made Mark Hanna Meek.

New England Excited Over the Proposed Tariff on Hides---The New Monetary Commissioners Not Likely to Accomplish Much.

By Alfred Henry Lewis.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—To-day there came on black and drooping wing sad news. It had been in coming, but it at least has now arrived and the advent has fastened the fangs of sorrow in all our souls. It refers to the Van Rensselaer Crugers.

Over in the political morgue of dead hopes lies the remains of the Van Rensselaer Cruger ambitions touching our Ambassadorship at Rome. And here I sat and never knew an iota about it until with the appointment of Draper McKimley batted the poor thing over its head and it died. Tears.

The morgue keeper told me the story. After it had been decided that Dr. Depew—that wild old wag—would not be delegated to dine with Wolsey, old boy, as Ambassador for us at St. James's; after, I say, the Vanderbilts—who are sorely pressed for the doctor day and night in their business—had reversed the Doctor's engine and clamped on the Doctor's air brakes and brought that celebrated dinner devastator to a full stop, and then after all this the Van Rensselaer Crugers stepped delicately forward, coughed and said to Mr. McKimley that they would like the Ambassadorship to Rome. If you please, don't you know. Van Rensselaer Crugers were so quiet withal that we didn't hear of it at the time. No; they were not quiet through timidity; it was merely their silken refinement.

The "400" came rustling to the front for the Van Rensselaer Crugers, just as, later, they did for the Lippinard Stewarts, when that branch of old Scotch royalty hungered for the Secretaryship of London.

But it was of no avail. McKimley cares evidently nothing for the "400"; nothing for the sensitive hair-hung feelings of our set. Take a President from the people, almost as one might say from a paltry, if not vulgar, environment, and he can have but little sympathy for the efforts of a high-bred aristocracy to serve its native land. And McKimley turned down the Van Rensselaer Crugers with all of the sangfroid aplomb and élan, if not the same éclat that he bestowed on the upending of the Lippinard Stewarts.

As a result we of the warmer circles of the "400" have marked McKimley off our list, and are figuring on what is vulgarly termed "giving him the dead face," a ceremony which I understand is even more direct cut than "the icy mitt," when we and McKimley meet.

What is the matter with Hanna? He seems frightened to death. Is it the late elections in Ohio? Or do his fellow Senators terrify him? Hanna comes seldom into the Chamber; and then never boldly and to the centre. He sticks close to the base-board in his journeyings like unto a mouse in its investigation of a new room.

This is not what Hanna taught us to look for. He filled us with the theory that he would perform in the Senate as a fashion of Administration coral ball, and tell the other Senators what to do, and then take the great whip of his leadership and larrup them until they did it. Of course, we believed this. Had not Hanna made a President out of raw material? Was he not the sole architect of the Administration? Would a parcel of superannuated dodderers, such as make up the Senate, be able to hold their own in the face of the force, money, brains and genius for organization, if not for statesmanship, of Hanna?

"Certainly not," we shouted; and we have since looked confidently forward to Hanna's invasion of the Senate as a great day. Hanna would drive these old fumbler into a corner, take their bread away and make them dance to his music, caper to his will. Among other important matters Hanna would go on the tariff committee and construct the tariff measure according to White House wisdom and along a White House plan.

But nothing of the sort has chanced. They wouldn't have Hanna on the Finance Committee. They do not care for his views on tariff. They ignore him and pass him by like the Levite on the other side of the tariff wall. Instead of being the Captain Bates of the Senate, Hanna is the Admiral Dot; instead of the Senate giant he is the Senate dwarf. It is all very pitious.

They talk of a tariff on hides. This excites New England; gives the Yankees the heartburn. The New Englanders want hides free. They buy hides. They buy boots, shoes and harnesses; that is the cry of New England. They make boots, shoes and harnesses. These Yankees are a frugal, long-headed race; always with a sharp lookout forward so as not to run down their own interest. They turned the Mayflower into a slaver and sought fearful, black, live cargoes from Africa when the Puritan trade fell off and the candle of the Pilgrims coming to America burned low. Yes, in good sooth! Your Yankee is a bird of much thrift.

They are accusing Bailey of desiring a tariff on wool. Why should he not? If there is to be a tariff on woolen goods, why not on wool? If the manufacturer is to be "protected," why not the sheep folk? There is no Democratic principle at bay. True, party platforms have long declared "for tariff for revenue only on the manufactured articles and a free raw material." But what of it? That declaration was a policy, not a principle.

It was the sop thrown to the manufacturers to mollify their resentment. It was first proposed by John C. Calhoun in the early '30s. It was done to soften the wrath of the manufacturers, whose "protection" he was cutting down, John C., while he was lowering their receipts, was with his "raw materials free" going to lower their expenses also. And that's where this "free raw material" yell came from. There's naught of Democratic religion about it, nothing, indeed, but Democratic expediency.

Former Action on "Free Wool."

In our day Abram S. Hewitt was the first man to say "free raw material"—so I'm told by Colonel William R. Morrison. It was when Morrison was chief of the Ways and Means and Carlisle was Speaker. Hewitt was a member of Morrison's committee. On this very subject of "free wool" the eight Democrats on the Ways and Means, in their preliminary meetings, broke even—four for free wool, four against. Carlisle was called in and voted for free wool, as Morrison was doing. This made wool free in the Morrison bill.

By the way, McMillin, of Tennessee, was one of the eight Democrats on that old-time committee. When he told us how he voted at that time on wool? Was he of the four to free wool; or was he of that quartet who needed a tariff on it? As an undoubted tariff star to steer by, I'd like to learn from first sources in what part of the tariff heavens McMillin in that far day twinkled on the wool question.

Speaking of tariff, Hon. Mr. McMillin, the Mexican Minister, asks me to write the following to-night:

On the 4th inst. there was published a telegram dated at Washington on the 3d, asserting "that Senor don Jose Ives Linares, Secretary of the Treasury of Mexico, in a recent letter to a gentleman of this city, stated that if the new American tariff retains the prohibitive rate on cattle his country will immediately revise her tariff on food products, agricultural implements, furniture and machinery—all articles which come principally from the United States." Senor Linares having noted that statement, requested by cable the Mexican Minister in Washington to deny it, as he has not written to anybody any such thing.

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WANTS JORDAN'S BERTH.

Ellis H. Roberts Says the Administration Favors Him for Sub-Treasurer.

Washington, April 13.—The Cabinet meeting to-day was very short and unimportant. The term of Sub-Treasurer Jordan, at New York, expires before the end of the month, and the question of his successor was discussed by the President and Secretary Gage. Ellis H. Roberts, who held the place during the Harrison Administration, is a candidate, and the retention of Mr. Jordan is under consideration.

The question as to who shall succeed Conrad N. Jordan as Assistant Treasurer of the United States in charge of the sub-treasury in this city is causing considerable agitation in banking circles. It is safe to say that a majority of the local bankers favor the reappointment of Mr. Jordan, on the ground that he was a gold Democrat during the recent campaign, and has proved himself a good executive officer.

Ellis H. Roberts, president of the Franklin National Bank, and the Assistant Treasurer during the Harrison Administration, is exerting every effort to secure the place. Several bankers have been working for him, and considerable pressure has been brought to bear in Washington in his behalf. Mr. Roberts visited recently every prominent banker in Wall street yesterday in an effort to secure his endorsement. He told those upon whom he called that the Administration was favorable to him, and that with the endorsement of the bankers he could be appointed. Many of the bankers expressed their opposition to him, and some stated that Mr. Jordan was their choice for the post. Others sent dispatches to Washington at his request endorsing his appointment. Among the latter were General Thomas L. James, president of the Lincoln National Bank; Warner Van Norden, president of the National Bank of America; and John Stewart, president of the United States Trust Company.

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